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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Committee Members

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SUBJECT : Executive Committee Meeting, 23 October 1980
Long Range Planning: Communications

1. The Executive Committee will meet on Thursday, 23 October 1980, from 1500 to 1630 hours in the DCI Conference Room. At this meeting we will consider the long-range planning issues on Communications. You should review the attached issue paper for this session, particularly the Assumptions and Alternatives sections. Also attached are some suggested policy issues derived from a joint review of this paper by the EXCOM Staff and the CIA Planning Group.

2. The next sessions on long-range planning issues will be held 29 and 30 October 1980, from 1500 to 1630 hours. The first Foreign Policy issues will be presented at these sessions. The papers for these sessions will be distributed by 22 October.

Attachments:
as stated

cc: IG
Communications Issue Chief (DD/CO)

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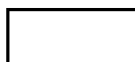
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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The Agency's current communications systems and equipments are largely products of the 1950's and 60's. These were years of rapid growth in Agency activities and budgets and, by today's standards, years of modest technological development. Information handling processes were manual and technical collection systems were in their infancy. (S) A9c2.1

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By the mid-1960's signs of major change appeared. The operating

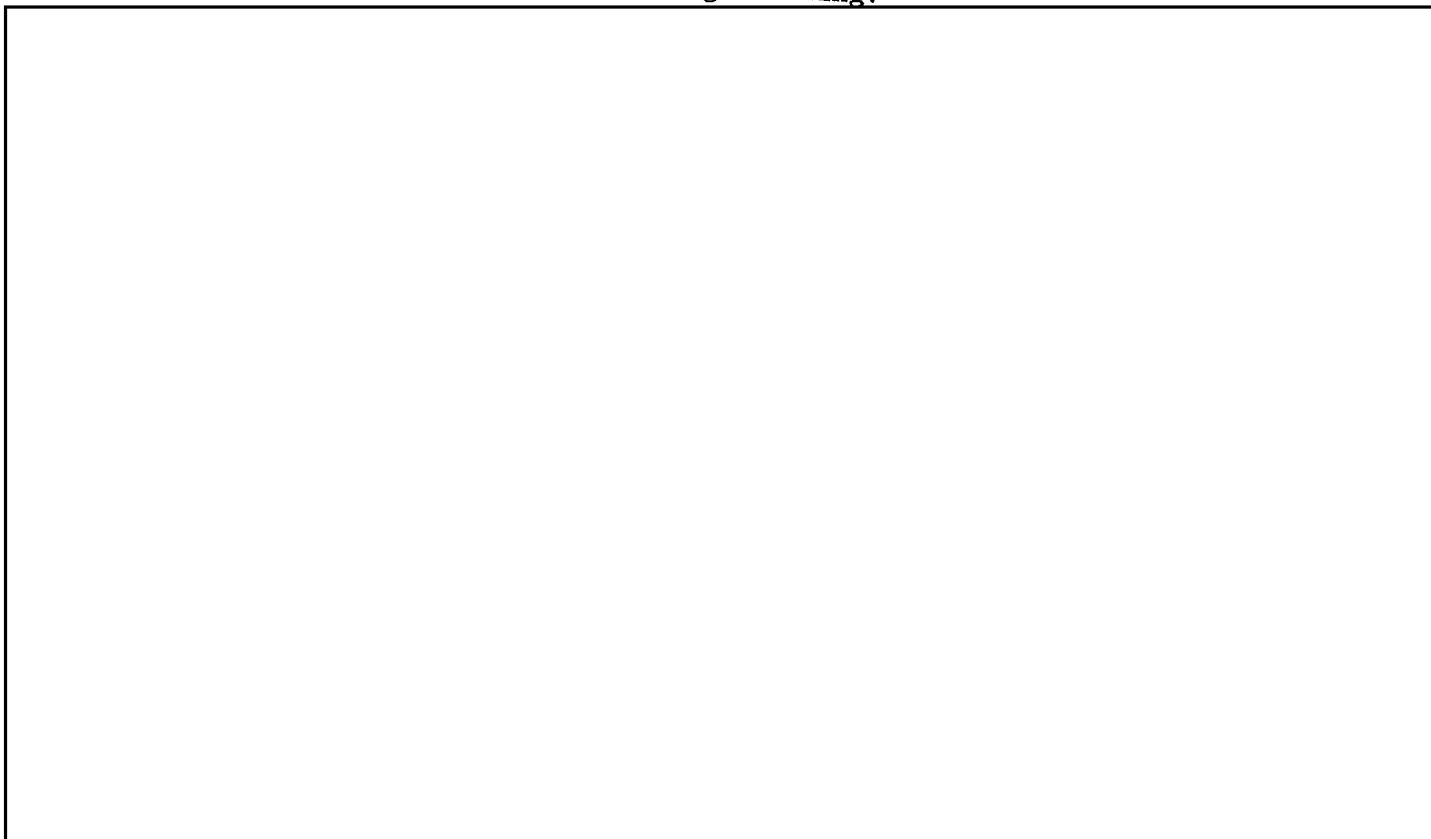
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This paper assumes that the majority of user plans will become valid communications requirements within the decade. Within the set of solutions available, [REDACTED]

The analysis concludes that the strategic issue is: How much budgetary support and how soon? The final answer to that question will be the major determinant in defining the final solutions. (U)

The alternatives discussed are projections of levels of service achievable under conditions of (a) zero budgetary growth, (b) ten percent budgetary growth or (c) short term surge funding:

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Attachment 1

Figure 1: Effect of inflation on total OC budget.

Figure 2: Effect of inflation and budget on equipment purchasing power.

Figure 3: Value and replacement of selected equipment.

Figure 4: Life cycle of selected OC equipment.

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